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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Breakfast Meeting - Senator Stuart Symington,
5 June 1973

1. Mr. Colby and I had breakfast with Senator Stuart Symington on 5 June. The Senator said he wanted our comments on the conclusions of the Church Committee in connection with the hearings on ITT and the Chilean election.

2. During the course of breakfast, we all read the conclusions, and basically Mr. Colby and I took the position that we could not dispute the factual statements, which seemed very carefully and accurately drawn from the testimony as we knew it. We felt that a few of the conclusions and opinions might be rather sweeping and not entirely warranted, but it would be hard to say that they were clearly erroneous.

3. Senator Symington took exception to one statement that the long-range impact of OPIC on the taxpayer had not been sufficiently considered at the time OPIC was created, saying he felt that he had raised this question but that he would go into this on his own.

4. The Senator was somewhat surprised by the number of questions raised on the last page of the report having to do with the 40 Committee and CIA's relationship to it. It was pointed out to him that the conclusion carefully stated that these questions should be gone into by the appropriate committee, thereby recognizing the jurisdictional problem in connection with congressional review of CIA on this point.

5. The Senator asked us to arrange to pick up a copy of the conclusions from his office later in the morning and send him any comments we desired to make as soon as possible.

6. A number of other subjects were touched on briefly, particularly Senator Symington's view that we must emphasize the fact that the Director reports to the President and is responsible to him, inasmuch as the National Security Council, as specified in the act, is only advisory to the President. He also wanted to assure that we in no way came under the domination of the military, particularly in the field of military estimates. He repeated prior statements concerning General Graham's article and his conversations with the Director on his dispute with the article's conclusions. The Senator repeatedly emphasized the importance of the Agency and the necessity for the Director to maintain its integrity.

7. In connection with the Agency's estimative role, the Senator emphasized the national security aspects and rather deprecated such intelligence functions as the narcotics field, although he seemed to accept the economic intelligence burden as one that had taken on new importance.

8. At the close of the meeting, Senator Symington once more spoke of his strong support for the Agency, particularly for the role of the DCI and its direct relationship to the President. STATINTL

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